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Incidents of Theft at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of theft registered at the airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai during the last three years and the current year, airport/year-wise;

(b) the total loss suffered by passengers due to thefts airport/year-wise;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof in each such case during the above period; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check incidents of theft at the airports?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Details of theft cases reported/registered at the airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, during 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 (till June, 2016) are annexed.

(b) to (d): The incidents of theft are a law and order issue, which is a state subject, and Ministry of Civil Aviation do not maintain these data/information. The local Police, which are under the jurisdiction of the concerned State Government, register and investigate such cases. The relevant details/data, including the value of stolen articles, property/articles recovered, persons arrested, charge sheets/Figs filed, status of cases on such thefts pending in courts, penalty awarded to convicts etc. are maintained by the Local Police authorities.

(e): To prevent incidents of theft at the airports, following steps have been taken:-

(i) Frisking of ground handling staff is being done while leaving the airport.

(ii) Use of cell phones in the airside by ground handling staff has been prohibited.

(iii) Deployment of airline security staff in the Baggage Makeup Area (BMA) / Baggage Breakup Area (BBA) around the cargo-hold area of the airline.

(iv) Photo Identity Cards (PICs) of ground handling staff after completion of shift, are being deposited at the airport.

(v) A Committee has been constituted to identify the grey areas of CCTV coverage.

(vi) Sharing of list of suspects with all concerned agencies.

(vii) Establishment of CISF help desk counters at the airports for receipt of complaint of thefts from the passengers and to further hand over the complaints to the local police.